AMENDMENT(S) TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph [0012] with the following amended paragraph:

[0012] Fig. 1 shows a view from below of a base-plate of a ski binding, and

Please replace the paragraph [0013] with the following amended paragraph:

[0013] Fig. 2 shows a cross section through a base-plate on the line II-II in Fig. 1, the base-plate here being represented as fitted onto a guide rail fixed to the ski[.], and

Please add the following new paragraph between paragraphs [0013] and [0014]:

Fig. 3 is a view similar to that in Fig. 1, showing schematically a slot 14 separating the support part 13 from the remaining parts of the actuation lever 9.

Please replace the paragraph [0021] with the following amended paragraph:

[0021] The invention is not restricted to the exemplary embodiment which has been represented. For instance, the support part provided on the actuation lever 9 may be a part which is partially separated from the remaining region of the actuation lever by a groove, a slot or the like [.] <u>such as the slot 14 shown schematically in Fig. 3</u>. The arrangement of the compression spring which acts on the locking part may also be configured differently.

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